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SUBJECT: SFCP - US-POLISH S&T COOPERATION

1. OMB HAS ISSUED BULLETIN 76-5 DATED 9/22/75 PROMULGATING TREASURY'S DECISION TO END EXCESS CURRENCY DESIGNATION OF ZLOTY, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31, 1976. LETTER FROM ARMITAGE TO AMBASSADOR DAVIES FOLLOWS ASAP.
2. SINCE OMB IS DISTRIBUTING THE ABOVE BULLETIN WITHIN THE FEDERAL ESTABLISHMENT, DR. GANLEY ADVISED POLISH SCIENCE COUNSELOR CZULNO OF TREASURY'S DECISION ON SEPTEMBER 26.
3. GANLEY STRESSED THAT THE US EXPECTS TO DEPOSIT THE FULL AMOUNT CONTEMPLATED UNDER THE AGREEMENT. AT THE SAME TIME, HOWEVER, THE DECISION WILL REQUIRE BUDGETARY AND PROGRAMMING REARRANGEMENTS BECAUSE CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WILL CONFIDENTIAL

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HAVE TO BE ACCELERATED AND FUNDS DEPOSITED EARLIER THAN HAD BEEN ANTICIPATED. THIS IS IN LINE WITH PARAGRAPH 5 OF THE JOINT BOARD'S DECISION DOCUMENT OF JUNE 1975, IN WHICH BOTH SIDES HAD AGREED THAT COORDINATING AGENCIES SHOULD

ACCELERATE PROJECT NEGOTIATIONS. CZULNO WAS APPARENTLY WELL AWARE THAT MONEY NOT OBLIGATED BY THE DEADLINE WILL NO LONGER BE AVAILABLE. IN THIS REGARD, GANLEY ASKED THAT

NES DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO FACILITATE NEGOTIATIONS WITH US AGENCIES. CZULNO OBSERVED THAT FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION THE TREASURY DECISION MAY BE GOOD NEWS BUT THAT FOR SCIENTISTS IT ISN'T SUCH GOOD NEWS. SEVERAL TIMES, HE TRIED TO ASCERTAIN THE REASON FOR TREASURY'S DECISION, WHICH GANLEY DEFLECTED BY FEIGNING IGNORANCE ABOUT COMPLEX FINANCIAL MATTERS, EXCEPT TO SAY THAT TREASURY IS THE LEGAL GUARDIAN OF EXCESS CURRENCY.

4. GANLEY ALSO CALLED ATTENTION TO THE RENEWED URGENCY OF HAVING KAPUSTA AND THE US EMBASSY FORMULATE PROPOSALS REGARDING TRAVEL IN THE POST-EXCESS CURRENCY ERA, TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE NEXT SESSION OF THE JOINT BOARD. KISSINGER

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